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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence

VIA: Deputy Director of Central Intelligence
Executive Director

FROM: Harry E. Fitzwater
Deputy Director for Administration

SUBJECT: SAFE

REFERENCE: Memo dtd 1 Jun 82 to DDA fr DCI, same subj (ER 82-0584/5)

1. On 2 June, the SAFE Program Manager briefed the Steering Committee on a proposed course of action for redirecting the development of the project. The proposal followed along the lines contained in your memorandum of 1 June, that is building SAFE in increments using existing hardware and software to the extent possible. This proposal found support by the Steering Committee with both DIA and CIA representatives agreeing with the concept of moving to an IBM-compatible environment, which now supports Interim SAFE and Pilot Mail, and on which can be made available other services based upon existing software.

2. In response to the guidance provided by the Steering Committee and in compliance with your directions, we are taking the following actions:

a. In order to take advantage of the several years of experience gained on this project by TRW while minimizing the risk that there may we will task TRW to create a plan for incremental development of the SAFE capability. This plan will depend heavily on commercially available software packages and will include an incremental development approach for subsequently delivered functions, with costs, schedules and estimation of risks. This response will support our development of a more detailed plan for the kind of approach asked for in your memorandum. The product of the current project reformulation effort will include organizational structure, system functions, schedules and costs.

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3. In developing the reprogrammed plan for SAFE we must, of course, meet the needs of the DIA as well as CIA. We will be coordinating our replanning to assure that the needs of both user groups are being met. When we have fully worked through the reconfiguration planning, we will again brief you and senior CIA and DIA management, seeking your approval to proceed.

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Harry E. Fitzwater

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